Historical SSC Database

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Quotation:

- "We cannot say 'the past is the past' without surrendering the future."

    - Winston Churchill

Historical SSC Database

- Coverage:
  - Since January 1990
  - All instances where a nation has deployed its military forces outside its borders on a SSC operation of any type
- Canada took lead:
  - Contracted Canadian military historian, Dr. Sean Maloney to conduct research and produce the database

Data Elements Collected

- For each international SSC mission:
  - Dates (start, end)
  - Location
  - Alliance context
  - Operation code name
  - Mission statement:
    - Text description
    - Classification (taxonomy developed)
  - Background information

Data Elements Collected

- For each nation's contribution:
    - Start/end dates of contribution
    - Number and types of units deployed
        - Regular/reserve force ratio
        - Volunteer/conscript ratio
    - Number and types of major equipments deployed
    - Rotational information

Sample Database Entry 1

Country: MALAYSIA
Location and Year: EAST TIMOR (1999-)
Coalition/Alliance Context: UN-sanctioned coalition, then UN-commanded force
Coalition Operation Code Name: International Force East Timor (INTERFET) then United
Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

(UNTAET)
Coalition/Alliance Mission: To establish and maintain a secure environment in East
Timor

and then conduct safe and democratic elections
Type of Operation: Peace Operation: non-linear peacekeeping
Start Date: Oct 99
End Date: Feb 00
National Forces Employed: INTERFET: 20 pers working with the Jordanian
Battalion[1]

UNTAET: Military observers

Background:

In the wake of Portuguese de-colonization, the non-Muslim majority of East
Timor sought self-determination, which was ruthlessly crushed by Indonesia when she
invaded in 1975. In the years that followed, the East Timorese resistance conducted a
low-level guerilla campaign against Indonesian forces on the island. This campaign was

Sample Database Entry 2

Country: UNITED STATES
Location and Year: HAITI (1993-96) [1]
Coalition/Alliance Context: UN-supported coalition
Coalition Operation Code Name: Operation SUPPORT DEMOCRACY
Coalition/Alliance Mission: To enforce UN sanctions against the Haitian junta.
Type of Operation: Peace Operation: sanctions enforcement, Humanitarian
Assistance
Start Date: Sep 93
End Date: Sep 94
National Forces Employed: US Navy: elements of a 6-ship Destroyer Squadron
(DESRON-24) (DDG, DD and FFG-type vessels) [2]. Elements of a SEAL SOF unit. 2
patrol craft (USS Cyclone and Tempest, USS Hurricane and USS Monsoon in later
rotations). For Op CAULDRON: 1 X LST (USS Harlan County) with composite 250-man
Canadian-American construction engineer unit aboard. [3]

Background:

          UN Security Council resolutions called for a naval blockade of Haiti in response
to the overt prevention of the elected government to administer the country by a military
dictatorship. Op SUPPORT DEMOCRACY consisted of a total of 20 Canadian, American,
Dutch, French, British, and Argentinean ships in a joint task force (JTF-120). The stated

Summary

- Database contents:
  - 124 countries
  - 1383 individual SSC commitments
- Implementation:
  - Microsoft ACCESS database
  - Released with SAS-027 Final Report

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